Settlement of loans by State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of write-off cases disposed off by the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur is not settling the loans of small scale entrepreneurs;

(c) whether the branches of the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur situated in district Alwar in Rajasthan are resorting to forceful settlement of the loans of the small scale entrepreneurs who are not in a position to repay the debts; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur has disposed off 48756 small accounts having outstanding up to Rs. 50,000/- where no security was available and chances of recovery were bleak.

(b) The bank has settled 2492 small accounts amounting to Rs. 19.67 crore under the forum of Lok Adalat, 7428 cases amounting to Rs. 26.23 crores under the revised Reserve Bank of India guidelines on one time settlement and 5343 cases amounting to Rs. 25.35 crores under Bank's own schemes.

(c) The branches of the bank in District Alwar are settling the loans of Small Scale Entrepreneurs only on the basis of the offer given by the Entrepreneurs followed by detailed discussion and according to their repayment capacity and written request. There is no forceful settlement.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-existence of private insurance of livestock

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